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<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/697,956	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MASON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> TAE KIM	<b>Art Unit</b> 2887	

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Date of Interview: 18 March 2010

Type of Interview:  
☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant    ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes    ☒ No  
If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:  
n/a

Claims discussed:  
14, 18, 31

Prior art documents discussed:  
n/a

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:  
See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/DANIEL WALSH/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2887

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner stated that the applicant's amendment dated 12/22/09 successfully overcame the restriction requirement. Examiner notes that Attorney Wasil did not raise any objections to the election restriction requirement when the restriction was originally proposed by the examiner via a phone call on 11/12/09. In addition, examiner indicated that the claim 14, 18, and 31 in the latest claim set each comprises an allowable subject matter.